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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

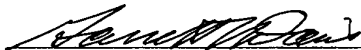
The enclosed documents were cited in Applicants' corresponding European application, and a copy of the Communication from the European Patent Office dated February 4, 2009 is enclosed.

WO 2004/024816 corresponds to U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0245684. WO 99/64485 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,911,572.

In accordance with the waiver dated July 11, 2003, issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, copies of U.S. patents and published applications cited herein have been omitted since this application has been filed after June 30, 2003.

Since the enclosed documents were cited in the Communication from the European Patent Office not more than three months prior to the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, it is believed that no fee is required for consideration of these documents. However, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may become due in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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